

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim amendments/Status

The indication that claims 5, 6, 13 and 14 contain allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. Accordingly, in this response:

Claim 1 has been amended via the incorporation of the subject matter of claims 3 and 5;

Claim 2 has also been amended via the incorporation of the subject matter of claims 3 and 5;

Claim 3 has been canceled;

Claim 4, which was originally dependent on claim 3, has been amended to be dependent on claim 1 or 2;

Claim 5 has been canceled; claim 6, which was originally dependent on claim 5, has been amended to be dependent on claim 1 or 2;

Claim 7, which was originally dependent on claim 3, has been amended to be dependent on claim 1 or 2;

Claim 8, which was originally dependent on claim 1, has been amended to be dependent on claim 1 or 2;

Claim 9 has been amended by incorporating the features of claims 11 and 13;

Claim 10 has been formulated by incorporating the features in the original claims 11 and 13;

Claim 11 has been canceled;

Claim 12, which was originally dependent on claim 11, has been amended to be dependent on claim 9 or 10;

Claim 13 has been canceled;

Claim 14, which was originally dependent on claim 13, has been amended to be dependent on claim 9 or 10;

Claim 15, which was originally dependent on claim 11, has been amended to be

dependent on claim 9 or 10;

Claim 16, which was originally dependent on claim 9, has been amended to be dependent on claim 9 or 10; and

Claim 17 has been rewritten so as to refer to the wind turbine generator as defined in amended claim 1 or 2.

Therefore, claims 1, 2, 4, 6-10, 12 and 14-17 remain pending in this application.

Rejections under §§102/103

The rejections of:

- 1) claims 1, 2, 8-10, 16 and 17 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 4,420,692 to Kos et al.;
- 2) claims 3, 4, 11 and 12 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 4,420,692 to Kos et al. in view of US Patent No. 6,382,018 B2 to Knestel; and
- 3) claims 7 and 15 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 4,420,692 to Kos et al. in view of US Patent No. 6,382,018 B2 to Knestel as applied to claims 3, 4, 11 and 12 above, and further in view of US Patent No. 4,160,170 to Harner et al.; are respectively rendered moot in that the above-noted amendments are such as to suitably incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 5 and 13 into independent claims 1, 2, 9 and 10.

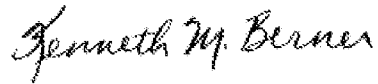
Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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